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For: POSITION SENSOR, METHOD FOR DETECTING) May 27, 2004
HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL POSITION, :
ALIGNMENT APPARATUS INCLUDING)
POSITION SENSOR, AND METHOD FOR :
HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL ALIGNMENT)

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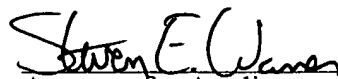
U.S. Patent No. 6,171,730 is discussed on pages 1-2 of the subject specification.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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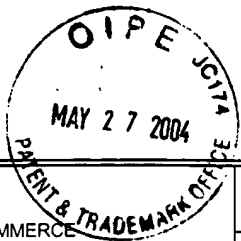
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